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1. EMBASSY REQUESTS REVIEW OF PRESENT PROCEDURES FOR USE OF USDAO AIRCRAFT BASED AT JIDDA WHEN EMPLOYED ON NON-DOD-RELATED MISSIONS. DOD DIRECTIONS REQUIRE THAT SUCH MISSIONS BE FUNDED (E.G., REIMBURSED) BY STATE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY FINDS EXTREMELY RESTRICTIVE, TO THE POINT OF BEING UNWORKABLE, STIPULATION THAT EACH NON-DOD-RELATED MISSION BE APPROVED "IN ADVANCE" BY STATE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN STATE FUNDING. EMBASSY'S HOPE IS THAT DEPARTMENT WILL AGREE THAT PRESENT PROCEDURES SHOULD BE MODIFIED AND GRANT TO CHIEF OF MISSION AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE STATE FUNDING FOR OFFICIAL, COM DIRECTED, NON-DOD-MISSIONS UTILIZING DAO AIRCRAFT WHEN TIME CONSTRAINTS PROHIBIT OBTAINING PRIOR APPROVAL FROM STATE.

2. EMBASSY OPERATING CIRCUMSTANCES IN SAUDI ARABIA ARE RATHER UNIQUE --A DESERT KINGDOM APPROXIMATELY EQUAL TO ONE-THIRD OF U.S. IN SIZE, WITH "THREE" CAPITALS -- RIYADH, JIDDA AND DHAHRAN -- AND A PERIPATETIC COURT. WHILE FIRST CLASS TRAVEL VIA SAUDIA AIRLINES IS RELIABLE ENOUGH FOR MUCH OF THE EMBASSY'S BUSINESS, IT IS NOT OFTEN ENOUGH OR RELIABLE ENOUGH TO MEET REAVEL NEEDS RESULTING FROM
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FREQUENT REQUESTS FROM KEY MEMBERS OF SAUDI GOVERNMENT FOR MEETINGS ON SHORT NOTICE. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE LARGE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL U.S. VISITORS WHO NEED TO TRAVEL TO DISTANT PARTS OF KINGDOM WHERE THERE IS AT BEST AN INFREQUENT AIRLINE SCHEDULE
AND OFTEN NO AIRLINE ROUTE AT ALL. FOR THESE REASONS, AMBASSADOR AND HIS STAFF HAVE CONTINUING, AND OFTEN URGENT,

NEED FOR ACCESS TO USDAO AIRCRAFT BASED AT JIDDA.
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